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FOR THE SECRETARY IN TOKYO FROM MOYNIHAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNGA, SHUM, PFOR

SUBJECT: THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM

1. I FEAR THERE IS NO WAY TO AVOID INVOLVING YOU IN THE
QUESTION OF WHAT WE NOW DO ABOUT THE THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM. THERE IS EVERY EVIDENCE THAT
A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, MOST RECENTLY THE YUGOSLAVS, ARE
BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT THEY WENT TOO FAR THIS TIME. THE
PROBLEM IS HOW TO UNDO WHAT HAS BEEN DONE. PROBABLY THE BEST
COURSE WOULD BE TO GET THE THIRD COMMITTEE TO REVERSE ITSELF,
AND POSTPONE CONSIDERATION FOR A YEAR, SO THAT THE RESOLUTION
DOES NOT GO TO PLENARY.

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2. MY THINKING HAS BEEN THAT WE SHOULD TELL THORN (WHO EVIDENTLY PLANS TO SPEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN LUXEMBOURG) TO GET BACK HERE AND DO THE NECESSARY, WHATEVER THAT TURNS OUT TO BE. OTHERWISE IT WILL BE HIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT WILL BE KNOWN FOR HAVING ENACTED THIS INFAMOUS THING. OBVIOUSLY THERE IS MUCH RALLYING TO BE DONE ON OUR OWN SIDE -- FRANCE IS ALREADY SLIPPING AWAY -- AND BRINGING ASSORTED RECUSANTS BACK TO THE FOLD.

3. OUR MAIN ARGUMENT, AS I SEE IT, IS THAT WHILE DELEGATES MAY HAVE THOUGHT THEY WERE MERELY VOTING FOR YET ANOTHER RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DISAPPROVAL OF ISRAELI POLICY, WHAT THEY ACTUALLY DID WAS TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR DENYING THE LEGITIMACY OF THE ISRAELI STATE. (THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT THE ARABS SEE THIS. YESTERDAY A LIBYAN OBJECTED TO AN INVITATION GOING TO ISRAEL FOR THE UN HABITAT CONFERENCE ON GROUNDS THAT ISRAEL IS A RACIST STATE AND IN EFFECT IS OUTLAWED.)

4. YOU WILL WANT TO TAKE THIS UP WITH SISCO AND BUFFUM. I WILL BE IN WASHINGTON SATURDAY IF YOU WANT TO TALK MORE.

5. THE ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF UNEF WENT THROUGH THE SECURITY COUNCIL THIS MORNING QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIKE. WALDHEIM IS SHORTLY OFF ON THE ROAD TO MOROCCO.

WARM REGARDS,
MOYNIHAN UNQTE INGERSOLL

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